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Virginia Board of Health Meeting  
Newport News, Virginia  
October 25, 2002

Board Members Present: Charles W. Hickey, Jean M. Donovan, Cora L. Gray, Richardson Grinnan, Lack O. Lanier, Sheila W. Elliott, Hunter M. Gaunt, Jr., Katherine Elliott, Douglas L. Johnson, Barry I. Griffin, Shirley Kelly, Julie L. Beales.

Board Members Absent: Robert L. Perry

I. Call to Order

Dr. Charles W. Hickey, Chairman of the State Board of Health, convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. The minutes of the meeting of July 25 and July 26, 2002, were approved as amended.

II. Chairman and Members' Reports

The Chairman and member reports addressed Medicare reimbursement for long term care facilities, access to dental care, and lay health advisor programs in churches.

III. Commissioner's Report

Dr. Stroube's report addressed state budget issues and preparedness for bioterrorism. Dr. Stroube introduced Helen Tarantino, who briefed the Board on VDH budget reductions for the current biennium.

IV. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Certificate of Public Need Regulations and the State Medical Facilities Plan

Nancy Hofheimer presented the amendments to the State Medical Facilities Plan, which were put before the Board for final approval. The Board voted unanimously to approve the amendments.

V. Proposed Amendments to the State Medical Facilities Plan

Nancy Hofheimer presented the request for the Board's approval to publish a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for regulations amending the State Medical Facilities Plan. The Board approved the request unanimously.

VI. Proposed Amendments to the Biosolids Use Regulations

After substantial public comment on the proposed amendments, the Board voted unanimously to allow the proposed amendments to move forward in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, which will allow for additional public comment. Dr. Hickey emphasized the importance that the Board of Health places on public comment.

VII. Proposed Regulations Regarding Onsite Sewage treatment, Dispersal, and Management

There was also public comment on these regulations, which are not yet final. No Board action was required.

VIII. Proposal for New Regulations Governing Migrant Labor Camps

Gary Hagy presented the proposed regulations, which would govern the more than 600 migrant labor camps in Virginia. The Board approved the draft regulations unanimously. They will be available for public comment after they are published in the Virginia Register.

IX. Adjournment

The next meeting of the State Board of Health will be February 6, 2003, in Richmond. Dr. Hickey adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.